

Catholic Communities in Burnley East

Christ the King

St Mary of the Assumption

St John the Baptist

NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday in Lent: 31st March 2019

Reflection by Fr David on the Gospel

The Prodigal Son

This week we hear the beautiful and powerful parable of the Prodigal Son. The word "prodigal" actually means lavish or extravagant. The younger son in the story is lavish with his Father's money. However, the most prodigal character in the parable is of course the Father. He generously gives the younger son his share of the inheritance: and he is extravagant in his forgiveness with a ring and robe for the lost son who comes to his senses. The loving Father then throws a lavish "welcome home" party with the fattened calf. After his terrible ordeal in the distant country, the returning wanderer would have really enjoyed his celebration meal. The elder son is the least prodigal of the three main characters in the parable, refusing to forgive and celebrate with his way-ward brother.

The Lenten journey is a time for us like the younger Son to humbly travel away from the distant country of our sins and head back home to God. The best way to know for certain that all our sins, especially the serious ones, are forgiven is to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This encounter with Christ restores our relationship with God which gets damaged by our selfishness and sin. God is indeed the Prodigal Father, lavish with mercy and generosity to those of us who are "lost" because of our sins and are "found" through our faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We hear, in the first reading, of the Chosen People's arrival in the Promised Land, where after 40 years of manna in the desert, they ate of the produce of Canaan. Our Lenten journey will end with the Easter Feast, where we truly celebrate the Son of God "who was dead and is come to life". (Fr David)

New Impact Group for young people. We are hoping to form a new Impact group for young people aged 13 to 17 years from our three parishes. Our first meeting will be at Christ the King Presbytery on Tuesday 16th April from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. For more details please contact Fr David.

YCW Group. We are hoping to form a new group for young adults aged 18 and over. The Young Christian Workers (YCW) are an international movement, empowering young adults to be leaders and to make a difference with their lives through their faith. Our first meeting is to be held at St Mary's presbytery on Wednesday 17th April at 7pm. For more information, please contact Fr Kevin.

TRIP TO BUXTON

This will take place on Thursday 25th April. The coach will leave as follows; 9.30am from St John's, 9.40am from St Mary's, 9.50am from Christ the King. The cost is £10 per person. If you wish to be part, please put your name on the sheet at the back of each church. Please place monies along with your name(s) in an envelope marked "Buxton" and hand in at the presbytery by 1st April.



Mission Possible

Next weekend in all three churches, there will be appeal on behalf of "Mission Possible", a group of local Catholic teachers endeavouring to teach children in Kenya. Thank you.



Mass Intentions

Anniversaries

Giovani Albanese, Eunice Morgan,
Brian Ennis, Mary Anne Reynolds,

Other Intentions:

Veronica Wilson, special intentions,
Anne-Marie Cheetham, Ladies Guild,

a sick friend, special intentions Vincent Fod
IN MEMORIAM: Deceased pupils of St Mary's
Boys school & St Hilda's Girls School, Thomas
Green (junior)



Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday 18th April.

Masses of the Lord's Supper
with Washing of Feet

St John's 7pm with Watching
until 10pm.

Christ the King 6.30pm with
Watching until 9pm
St Mary's 7.30pm with
Watching until
11.00pm



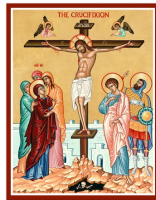
Watching

Good Friday 19th April

St Mary's 3pm Celebration of the
Passion of the Lord

St John's 3pm Celebration of
the Passion of the Lord~

6.30pm Quiet Hour with
The Cross. Christ the King 3pm
Celebration of the
Passion of the Cross.
10am Family Stations of the
Cross



Holy Saturday 20th April.

Easter Vigil 7pm at St Mary's~ This is to be a
joint Mass concelebrated by our
team of four priests with the
involvement of parishioners from all
three parishes.



Easter Sunday 21st April
Morning Masses as usual.



CAFOD

Just one world

CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY.

Christ the King parish raised a
fantastic £470, St John's a superb £717.78.
*Thank you for fasting in solidarity, please keep
our sisters and brothers in your prayers
throughout Lent.*

"WITNESS TO THE CROSS"

GOOD FRIDAY draws together people from
across the various Christian denominations
of Burnley to St Andrews Church Duke Bar
at 1200 noon for a

" WITNESS TO THE CROSS "



Flags, banners and
wooden crosses are
used to fill the
perimeter outside the
church for 30 minutes
of silent witness.

The large cross is then carried to St Johns
Ivy Street where a short outdoor service
takes place before sharing the CAFOD
soup lunch together.



RED BOX THANK YOU AND AP- PEAL AT ST MARY'S.

This weekend Fr Jan Claver will
give the five yearly Red Box Appeal.
Through the RED BOX we care for the
Church Family around the world. Thank
you to all parishioners who already give
to the Pope's official charity for overseas
mission: "Missio"

Dates for your Diary

Retreat Days

- Sat 6th April 10am to 1pm (with lunch) for Ministers of Holy Communion
- Saturday 18th May 10am to 1pm Retreat/training day and pizza lunch for Altar Servers

Afternoon Tea at St Mary's on 3rd April 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Details to follow

Fun Quiz for SVP: St John's Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 12th April. £5 incl supper.

St John's Annual Fayre for Pendleside Hospice: Sunday 5th May 10.00—12.30 Parish Hall
organised by St John's Ladies Guild.



What Will you do in Lent this Week?

Fr David has set the tone and the gentle challenge to 'come closer to Jesus' during Lent. Here are some opportunities to enriching your spiritual lives. Our priests and others will offer opportunities to do this.

Go Deeper, *Live* the Journey

- **Taize Prayer at All Saints Church:** Padiham Road each Sunday at 6-30pm. The prayer will be simple chants, time of quiet and scripture reading .
- **Lenten talks** at Christ the King church: Thursday 4th April at 7.30pm led by Fr Ian Kelly, and Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm led by Fr David.
- **Lenten lunches** on Fridays of Lent at St John's
- **Lenten Masses** at 6.30am on Fridays of Lent at St Mary's (followed by toast, fruit and hot drinks in the Parish Rooms).
- **Stations of the Cross:** St Mary's: Monday 1st April at 11.30am.
Christ the King: Sundays at 3pm, preceded by Exposition and Confessions from 2pm.
St John's: Wednesdays at 6.30pm.
- **Lenten Talks and Studies** ; A study of "The Mystery of God" Weekly: Tuesdays at St Andrews at 7.30 and Wednesdays at St Peter's at 12.00 noon.

A CHORUS FOR SPRING— CONCERT



On Sunday 7th April at 2.30pm in St Mary's Church the excellent A Cappella Singers present a programme of English Music from Purcell to the present day. Tickets £7 with accompanied children under 12 free. See poster in church. There is a list at the back of each church for you to add your name if you want tickets. We will arrange for payment over weekend 30/31st March and 6/7 April. Or phone Barbara on 07713 718 700 to reserve tickets.

ROSARY BEADS APPEAL

A request has been received via the Bishop's office, from a parish in Ghana, for rosary beads for their parishioners. If you have any spare rosary beads at home which you would like to donate please could you place them in the box marked "Rosary Beads Appeal", at the back of the church.



ST JOHN'S CHURCH CHOIR

Practice each Thursday at 7.30pm.
New members welcomed.

ST JOHN'S "T DANCE" is each Wednesday 1.30 to 3pm Great Music, wonderful conversation, excellent company.

CSG 100 CLUB DRAW

March Winners

1st £70 13 SrMagdalen Hardman
2nd £30 97 Mrs Lucy J Hill

Still time to pick up your '25 things to 'GIVE during Lent' leaflet

READERS OF ALL THREE PARISHES



If you were unable to attend the Retreat Day on Saturday please come to a 'catch-up' at St Mary's Presbytery on Friday 5th April at 7.00pm. Thank you.

Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION—MARCH

Evangelization: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



FINANCE



Offertory Collections 24th March:


Christ the King: £575.47

St Mary's: £881.43

St John's: £739.67

Thank you all for your generous donations.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

	 Feast Days	Christ the King	MASSES St Mary of the Assumption	St John the Baptist
		Entries in red signify a change from the norm. Where appropriate these are detailed in the 'Changes' panel below.		
MON 25TH MAR	Lenten Weekday	9.15	12.30	9.00
TUES 26TH	St Francis of Paola	9.15	10.00	12.00 noon
WED 27TH	Lent Weekday	9.15	12.30	7.00
THURS 28TH	St Isadore	9.15	10.00	9.00
FRI 29TH	St Vincent Ferrer	9.15	6.30am 12.30	12.00 noon
SAT 30TH	Lenten Weekday	9.15	12noon	10.30
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm	6.00pm	6.30pm
SUN 31ST	5th Sunday in Lent	9.00 10.15	9.45 11.45	9.30 11.00

CHANGES / NEW

**St Mary's:
Friday**
Lenten Mass at 6.30am followed by breakfast.

**St John's:
Friday:**
Mass 12.00 noon followed by CAFOD Lunch



OTHER SERVICES		
Wed. 8.45 to 9.15	EXPOSITION Mon Wed Fri 12.00—12.30	Tues after Mass Sat: after morning Mass
Sat after 9.15 Mass	RECONCILIATION Mon Wed Fri 12.00—12.30 Sat 10.30 –11.30	Wed after Mass Sat 11.00—11.30 5.30—6.00
M Tu Th F Sa 30 mins before morning Mass	ROSARY Tues Thurs Sat 20 minutes before weekday Mass	

THE NEWSLETTER If you want an item included please either drop a note into your presbytery letterbox, or email: itemsforfrank@gmail.com

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